

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An information providing apparatus comprising:

first reception control means for controlling the reception, from a first information processing apparatus, of user identification data for identifying a user of said first information processing apparatus and a request for purchasing a content;

first transmission control means for controlling in response to said request for purchasing said content the transmission of said request for purchasing said content to a second information processing apparatus;

second reception control means for controlling the reception of said content and usage conditions corresponding to said content thereof supplied from said second information processing apparatus;

storage ~~control~~ means for ~~controlling the~~ storing of said content and said usage conditions requested for purchase by said user and registering said content and said usage conditions thereof in correlation with said user identification data;

third reception control means for controlling the reception of said user identification data and a request for sending said content supplied from said first information processing apparatus; and

second transmission control means for controlling, in response to said request for sending said content, the transmission of said content stored on the basis of ~~in correlation~~ ~~with~~ said user identification data.

Claim 2 (Original): The information providing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said third reception control means controls the reception of said request for sending

said content as a request for checking out said content and said second transmission control means controls the transmission of said content as checking out of said content.

Claim 3 (Original): The information providing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said second transmission control means controls the transmission of said content to said first information processing apparatus.

Claim 4 (Original): The information providing apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said second transmission control means controls the transmission of said content as checking out of said content to said first information processing apparatus.

Claim 5 (Original): The information providing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said second transmission control means controls the transmission of said content to a recording medium detachably loaded in said first information processing apparatus.

Claim 6 (Original): The information providing apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said second transmission control means controls the transmission of said content as checking out of said content to said recording medium.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): An information providing method comprising the steps of:

controlling the reception, from a first information processing apparatus, of user identification data for identifying a user of said first information processing apparatus and a request for purchasing a content;

controlling in response to said request for purchasing said content the transmission of said request for purchasing said content to a second information processing apparatus;

controlling the reception of said content and usage conditions corresponding to said content thereof supplied from said second information processing apparatus;

~~controlling the~~ storing of said content and said usage conditions requested for purchase by said user and registering said content and said usage conditions thereof in correlation with said user identification data;

controlling the reception of said user identification data and a request for sending said content supplied from said first information processing apparatus; and

controlling, in response to said request for sending said content, the transmission of said content stored ~~in correlation with~~ on the basis of said user identification data.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A program storage medium storing a computer-readable program comprising the steps of:

controlling the reception, from a first information processing apparatus, of user identification data for identifying a user of said first information processing apparatus and a request for purchasing a content;

controlling in response to said request for purchasing said content the transmission of said request for purchasing said content to a second information processing apparatus;

controlling the reception of said content and usage conditions corresponding to said content thereof supplied from said second information processing apparatus;

~~controlling the~~ storing of said content and said usage conditions requested for purchase by said user and registering said content and said usage conditions thereof in correlation with said user identification data;

controlling the reception of said user identification data and a request for sending said content supplied from said first information processing apparatus; and

controlling, in response to said request for sending said content, the transmission of said content stored ~~in correlation with~~ on the basis of said user identification data.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A program for instructing a computer to execute the steps of:

controlling the reception, from a first information processing apparatus, of user identification data for identifying a user of said first information processing apparatus and a request for purchasing a content;

controlling in response to said request for purchasing said content the transmission of said request for purchasing said content to a second information processing apparatus;

controlling the reception of said content and usage conditions corresponding to said content thereof supplied from said second information processing apparatus;

~~controlling the storing of said content and said usage conditions requested for purchase by said user and registering said content and said usage conditions thereof in~~ correlation with said user identification data;

controlling the reception of said user identification data and a request for sending said content supplied from said first information processing apparatus; and

controlling, in response to said request for sending said content, the transmission of said content stored ~~in correlation with~~ on the basis of said user identification data.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): An information processing apparatus comprising:

first transmission control means for controlling the transmission, to a first information providing apparatus, of user identification data for identifying a user of said information

processing apparatus and a request for purchasing a content, to make said first information providing apparatus purchase said content from a second information providing apparatus ~~and record the purchased content;~~

second transmission control means for controlling the transmission, to said first information providing apparatus, of a request for said content purchased from said second information providing apparatus and recorded in said first information providing apparatus in correlation with said user identification data; and

reception control means for controlling the reception of said content supplied from said first information providing apparatus when said first information providing apparatus stores said content requested by said second transmission control means and said requested content is stored in correlation with said user identification data.

Claim 11 (Original): The information processing apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said second transmission control means controls the transmission of said request for said content as a request for checking out said content and said reception control means controls the reception of the checked out content.

Claim 12 (Original): The information processing apparatus according to claim 10, further comprising:

storage control means for controlling the storing of the received content into an incorporated storage medium.

Claim 13 (Original): The information processing apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said storage control means controls the storing of said content checked out to said incorporated storage medium.

Claim 14 (Original): The information processing apparatus according to claim 10, further comprising:

storage control means for controlling the storing of the received content into a detachably loaded storage medium.

Claim 15 (Original): The information processing apparatus according to claim 14, wherein said storage control means controls the storing of the checked out content into said detachably loaded storage medium.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): An information processing method comprising the steps of:

controlling the transmission, to a first information providing apparatus, of user identification data for identifying a user of said information processing apparatus and a request for purchasing a content, to make said first information providing apparatus purchase said content from a second information providing apparatus ~~and record the purchased content;~~

controlling the transmission, to said first information providing apparatus, of a request for said content purchased from said second information providing apparatus and recorded in said first information providing apparatus in correlation with said user identification data; and

controlling the reception of said content supplied from said first information providing apparatus when said first information providing apparatus stores said content requested by said second transmission control means and said requested content is stored in correlation with said user identification data.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): A program storage medium storing a computer-readable program comprising the steps of:

controlling the transmission, to a first information providing apparatus, of user identification data for identifying a user of said information processing apparatus and a request for purchasing a content, to make said first information providing apparatus purchase said content from a second information providing apparatus ~~and record the purchased content;~~

controlling the transmission, to said first information providing apparatus, of a request for said content purchased from said information providing apparatus and recorded in said first information providing apparatus in correlation with said user identification data; and

controlling the reception of said content supplied from said first information providing apparatus when said first information providing apparatus stores said content requested by said second transmission control means and said requested content is stored in correlation with said user identification data.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): A program for instructing a computer to execute the steps of:

controlling the transmission, to a first information providing apparatus, of user identification data for identifying a user of said information processing apparatus and a request for purchasing a content, to make said first information providing apparatus purchase said content from a second information providing apparatus ~~and record the purchased content;~~

controlling the transmission, to said first information providing apparatus, of a request for said content purchased from said second information providing apparatus and recorded in said first information providing apparatus in correlation with said user identification data; and

controlling the reception of said content supplied from said first information providing apparatus when said first information providing apparatus stores said content requested by said second transmission control means and said requested content is stored in correlation with said user identification data.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): An information providing apparatus comprising:

first reception control means for controlling the reception, from a first information processing apparatus, of user identification data for identifying a user of said first information processing apparatus and a request for purchasing a content;

first transmission control means for controlling, in response to said request for purchasing said content, the transmission of said request for purchasing said content to a second information processing apparatus;

second reception control means for controlling the reception of said content and usage conditions corresponding to said content thereof provided ~~sent~~ from said second information processing apparatus;

storage control means for controlling the storing of said content and said usage conditions purchased from said second information apparatus ~~thereof~~ in correspondence with said user identification data; and

second transmission control means for controlling, if said content has been stored, the execution of the transmission of said content purchased by said user and stored in correspondence with said user identification data.

Claim 20 (Original): The information providing apparatus according to claim 19, wherein said second transmission control means controls the transmission of said content as checking out of said content.

Claim 21 (Original): The information providing apparatus according to claim 19, wherein said second transmission control means controls the transmission of said content to said first information processing apparatus.

Claim 22 (Original): The information providing apparatus according to claim 21, wherein said second transmission control means controls the transmission of said content as checking out of said content to said first information processing apparatus.

Claim 23 (Original): The information providing apparatus according to claim 19, wherein said second transmission control means controls the transmission of said content to a storage medium which is detachably loaded in said first information processing apparatus.

Claim 24 (Original): The information providing apparatus according to claim 23, wherein said second transmission control means controls the transmission of said content as checking out of said content to said storage medium.

Claim 25 (Currently Amended): An information providing method comprising the steps of:

controlling the reception, from a first information processing apparatus, of user identification data for identifying a user of said first information processing apparatus and a request for purchasing a content;

controlling, in response to said request for purchasing said content, the transmission of said request for purchasing said content to a second information processing apparatus;

controlling the reception of said content and usage conditions corresponding to said content thereof ~~sent~~ provided from said second information processing apparatus;

controlling the storing of said content and said usage conditions purchased from said second information apparatus thereof in correspondence with said user identification data;
and

controlling, if said content has been stored, the execution of the transmission of said content purchased by said user and stored in correspondence with said user identification data.

Claim 26 (Currently Amended): A program storage medium storing a computer-readable program comprising the steps of:

controlling the reception, from a first information processing apparatus, of user identification data for identifying a user of said first information processing apparatus and a request for purchasing a content;

controlling, in response to said request for purchasing said content, the transmission of said request for purchasing said content to a second information processing apparatus;

controlling the reception of said content and usage conditions corresponding to said content thereof ~~sent~~ provided from said second information processing apparatus;

controlling the storing of said content and said usage conditions purchased from said second information apparatus thereof in correspondence with said user identification data;
and

controlling, if said content has been stored, the execution of the transmission of said content purchased by said user and stored in correspondence with said user identification data.

Claim 27 (Currently Amended): A program for instructing a computer to execute the steps of:

controlling the reception, from a first information processing apparatus, of user identification data for identifying a user of said first information processing apparatus and a request for purchasing a content;

controlling, in response to said request for purchasing said content, the transmission of said request for purchasing said content to a second information processing apparatus;

controlling the reception of said content and usage conditions corresponding to said content thereof ~~sent~~ provided from said second information processing apparatus;

controlling the storing of said content and said usage conditions purchased from said second information apparatus thereof in correspondence with said user identification data; and

controlling, if said content has been stored, the execution of the transmission of said content purchased by said user and stored in correspondence with said user identification data.

Claims 28-36 (Canceled).

Claim 37 (Currently Amended): An information providing apparatus comprising:

storage control means for controlling the storing of a first content, a second content, and usage conditions thereof purchased by a user of an information processing apparatus and in correspondence with user identification data for identifying a said user ~~of an information processing apparatus~~;

reception control means for controlling the reception of a request for checking in of said first content and a request for checking out of said second content along with said user identification data sent from said information processing apparatus;

check-in control means for controlling, in response to the check-in request, the checking in of said first content on the basis of said usage conditions stored in correspondence with said user identification data; and

check-out control means for controlling, in response to the check-out request when the checking in of said first content has ended, the checking out of said second content on the basis of said usage conditions stored in correspondence with said user identification data.

Claim 38 (Original): The information providing apparatus according to claim 37, wherein said check-in control means controls the checking in of said first content sent from said information processing apparatus.

Claim 39 (Original): The information providing apparatus according to claim 37, wherein said check-in control means controls the checking in of said first content from a storage medium detachably loaded in said information processing apparatus.

Claim 40 (Original): The information providing apparatus according to claim 37, wherein said check-out control means controls the checking out of said second content to said information processing apparatus.

Claim 41 (Original): The information providing apparatus according to claim 37, wherein said check-out control means controls the checking out of said second content to a recording medium detachably loaded in said information processing apparatus.

Claim 42 (Currently Amended): An information providing method comprising the steps of:

controlling the storing of a first content, a second content, and usage conditions thereof purchased by a user of an information processing apparatus and in correspondence with user identification data for identifying a said user ~~of an information processing apparatus;~~

controlling the reception of a request for checking in of said first content and a request for checking out of said second content along with said user identification data sent from said information processing apparatus;

controlling, in response to the check-in request, the checking in of said first content on the basis of said usage conditions stored in correspondence with said user identification data; and

controlling, in response to the check-out request if the checking in of said first content has ended, the checking out of said second content on the basis of said usage conditions stored in correspondence with said user identification data.

Claim 43 (Currently Amended): A program storage medium storing a computer-readable program comprising the steps of:

controlling the storing of a first content, a second content, and usage conditions thereof purchased by a user of an information processing apparatus and in correspondence with user identification data for identifying a said user ~~of an information processing apparatus;~~

controlling the reception of a request for checking in of said first content and a request for checking out of said second content along with said user identification data sent from said information processing apparatus;

controlling, in response to the check-in request, the checking in of said first content on the basis of said usage conditions stored in correspondence with said user identification data;
and

controlling, in response to the check-out request if the checking in of said first content has ended, the checking out of said second content on the basis of said usage conditions stored in correspondence with said user identification data.

Claim 44 (Currently Amended): A program for instructing a computer to execute the steps of:

controlling the storing of a first content, a second content, and usage conditions thereof purchased by a user of an information processing apparatus and in correspondence with user identification data for identifying a said user ~~of an information processing apparatus;~~

controlling the reception of a request for checking in of said first content and a request for checking out of said second content along with said user identification data sent from said information processing apparatus;

controlling, in response to the check-in request, the checking in of said first content on the basis of said usage conditions stored in correspondence with said user identification data;
and

controlling, in response to the check-out request if the checking in of said first content has ended, the checking out of said second content on the basis of said usage conditions stored in correspondence with said user identification data.

Claim 45 (Currently Amended): An information processing apparatus comprising:
transmission control means for controlling the transmission, to an information providing apparatus, of a request for checking in of a first content and a request for checking out of a second content, said first content and said second content being purchased from second information providing apparatus by request from a user and being stored in said first information providing apparatus;

check-in control means for controlling checking in of said first content on the basis of controlling by said information providing apparatus; and

check-out control means for controlling checking out of said second content supplied from said information providing apparatus when checking in of said first content has ended.

Claim 46 (Original): The information processing apparatus according to claim 45, wherein said check-in control means controls checking in of said first content read from an incorporated storage medium.

Claim 47 (Original): The information processing apparatus according to claim 45, wherein said check-in control means controls checking in of said first content read from a detachably loaded storage medium.

Claim 48 (Original): The information processing apparatus according to claim 45, wherein said check-out control means controls checking out of said second content to an incorporated storage medium.

Claim 49 (Original): The information processing apparatus according to claim 45, wherein said check-out control means controls checking out of said second content to a detachably loaded storage medium.

Claim 50 (Currently Amended): An information processing method comprising the steps of:

controlling the transmission, to an information providing apparatus, of a request for checking in of a first content and a request for checking out of a second content, said first content and said second content being purchased from second information providing apparatus by request from a user and being stored in said first information providing apparatus;

controlling checking in of said first content on the basis of controlling by said information providing apparatus; and

controlling checking out of said second content supplied from said information providing apparatus when checking in of said first content has ended.

Claim 51 (Currently Amended): A program storage medium storing a computer-readable program comprising the steps of:

controlling the transmission, to an information providing apparatus, of a request for checking in of a first content and a request for checking out of a second content, said first content and said second content being purchased from second information providing apparatus by request from a user and being stored in said first information providing apparatus;

controlling checking in of said first content on the basis of controlling by said information providing apparatus; and

controlling checking out of said second content supplied from said information providing apparatus when checking in of said first content has ended.

Claim 52 (Currently Amended): A program for instructing a computer to execute the steps of:

controlling the transmission, to an information providing apparatus, of a request for checking in of a first content and a request for checking out of a second content, said first content and said second content being purchased from second information providing apparatus by request from a user and being stored in said first information providing apparatus;

controlling checking in of said first content on the basis of controlling by said information providing apparatus; and

controlling checking out of said second content supplied from said information providing apparatus when checking in of said first content has ended.

Claim 53 (Currently Amended): An information providing apparatus comprising:

first reception control means for controlling the reception, from a first information processing apparatus, of user identification data for identifying a user of said first information processing apparatus and a request for purchasing a content;

first transmission control means for controlling in response to said request for purchasing said content the transmission of said request for purchasing said content to a second information processing apparatus;

second reception control means for controlling the reception, from said second information processing apparatus, ~~device identification information for identifying content~~

supply source address identifying an address of said content provided from said second information processing apparatus and usage conditions of said content;

storage control means for controlling the storing of said content supply source address ~~device identification information~~ and said usage conditions in correspondence with said user identification data; and

second transmission control means for controlling in response to a request from said first information processing apparatus said content supply source address ~~device identification information~~ and said usage conditions recorded in correspondence with said user identification data to said first information processing apparatus.

Claim 54 (Currently Amended): An information providing method comprising the steps of:

controlling the reception, from a first information processing apparatus, of user identification data for identifying a user of said first information processing apparatus and a request for purchasing a content;

for controlling in response to said request for purchasing said content the transmission of said request for purchasing said content to a second information processing apparatus;

controlling the reception, from said second information processing apparatus, ~~device identification information for identifying~~ content supply source address identifying an address of said content provided from said second information processing apparatus and usage conditions of said content;

controlling the storing of said content supply source address ~~device identification information~~ and said usage conditions in correspondence with said user identification data; and

controlling in response to a request from said first information processing apparatus said device identification information and said usage conditions recorded in correspondence with said user identification data to said first information processing apparatus.

Claim 55 (Currently Amended): A program storage medium storing a computer-readable program comprising the steps of:

controlling the reception, from a first information processing apparatus, of user identification data for identifying a user of said first information processing apparatus and a request for purchasing a content;

controlling in response to said request for purchasing said content the transmission of said request for purchasing said content to a second information processing apparatus;

controlling the reception, from said second information processing apparatus, ~~device identification information for identifying~~ content supply source address identifying an address of said content provided from said second information processing apparatus and usage conditions of said content;

controlling the storing of said content supply source address ~~device identification information~~ and said usage conditions in correspondence with said user identification data; and

controlling in response to a request from said first information processing apparatus said device identification information and said usage conditions recorded in correspondence with said user identification data to said first information processing apparatus.

Claim 56 (Currently Amended): A program for instructing a computer to execute the steps of:

controlling the reception, from a first information processing apparatus, of user identification data for identifying a user of said first information processing apparatus and a request for purchasing a content;

controlling in response to said request for purchasing said content the transmission of said request for purchasing said content to a second information processing apparatus;

controlling the reception, from said second information processing apparatus, ~~device identification information for identifying~~ content supply source address identifying an address of said content provided from said second information processing apparatus and usage conditions of said content;

controlling the storing of said content supply source address ~~device identification information~~ and said usage conditions in correspondence with said user identification data; and

controlling in response to a request from said first information processing apparatus said device identification information and said usage conditions recorded in correspondence with said user identification data to said first information processing apparatus.

Claim 57 (Currently Amended): An information processing apparatus comprising:

first reception control means for controlling the reception, from a first information apparatus of ~~device identification information for identifying an~~ content supply source address identifying a source of said content provided from a second information providing apparatus for providing a content and usage conditions of said content;

transmission control means for controlling, ~~if~~ when the reproduction of said content is requested, the transmission of the request of said content to said first information providing apparatus on the basis of said ~~device identification information~~ content supply source address and said usage conditions; and

second reception control means for controlling the reception of said content from said first information providing apparatus.

Claim 58 (Original): The information processing apparatus according to claim 57, wherein said second reception control means controls the reception from said information providing apparatus said content having a format corresponding to streaming reproduction.

Claim 59 (Currently Amended): An information processing method comprising the steps of:

controlling the reception, from a first information apparatus, of ~~device identification~~ information for identifying an content supply source address identifying a source of said content provided from a second information providing apparatus for providing a content and usage conditions of said content;

controlling, if when the reproduction of said content is requested, the transmission of the request of said content to said first information providing apparatus on the basis of said ~~device identification information~~ content supply source address and said usage conditions; and

controlling the reception of said content from said first information providing apparatus.

Claim 60 (Currently Amended): A program storage medium storing a computer-readable program comprising the steps of:

controlling the reception, from a first information apparatus, of ~~device identification~~ information for identifying an content supply source address identifying a source of said

content provided from a second information providing apparatus for providing a content and usage conditions of said content;

controlling, ~~if~~ when the reproduction of said content is requested, the transmission of the request of said content to said first information providing apparatus on the basis of said ~~device identification information~~ content supply source address and said usage conditions;
and

controlling the reception of said content from said first information providing apparatus.

Claim 61 (Currently Amended): A program for instructing a computer to execute the steps of:

controlling the reception, from a first information apparatus, of ~~device identification information for identifying an~~ content supply source address identifying a source of said content provided from a second information providing apparatus for providing a content and usage conditions of said content;

controlling, ~~if~~ when the reproduction of said content is requested, the transmission of the request of said content to said first information providing apparatus on the basis of said ~~device identification information~~ content supply source address and said usage conditions;
and

controlling the reception of said content from said first information providing apparatus.

Claim 62 (Original): An information providing apparatus comprising:

first reception control means for controlling the reception, from a first information processing apparatus, of a request for purchasing a content;

first transmission control means for controlling in response to said request for purchasing said content the transmission of device identification information for identifying said information providing apparatus and usage conditions of said content to said first information processing apparatus;

second reception control means for controlling the reception of a request for said content from a second information processing apparatus; and

second transmission control means for controlling in response to said request for said content the transmission of said content to said second information processing apparatus.

Claim 63 (Original): The information providing apparatus according to claim 62, wherein said second transmission control means controls the transmission, to said second information processing apparatus, of said content having a format corresponding to streaming reproduction.

Claim 64 (Original): An information providing method comprising the steps of:
controlling the reception, from a first information processing apparatus, of a request for purchasing a content;

controlling in response to said request for purchasing said content the transmission of device identification information for identifying said information providing apparatus and usage conditions of said content to said first information processing apparatus;

controlling the reception of a request for said content from a second information processing apparatus; and

controlling in response to said request for said content the transmission of said content to said second information processing apparatus.

Claim 65 (Original): A program storage medium storing a computer-readable program comprising the steps of:

controlling the reception, from a first information processing apparatus, of a request for purchasing a content;

controlling in response to said request for purchasing said content the transmission of device identification information for identifying said information providing apparatus and usage conditions of said content to said first information processing apparatus;

controlling the reception of a request for said content from a second information processing apparatus; and

controlling in response to said request for said content the transmission of said content to said second information processing apparatus.

Claim 66 (Original): A program for instructing a computer to execute the steps of:

controlling the reception, from a first information processing apparatus, of a request for purchasing a content;

controlling in response to said request for purchasing said content the transmission of device identification information for identifying said information providing apparatus and usage conditions of said content to said first information processing apparatus;

controlling the reception of a request for said content from a second information processing apparatus; and

controlling in response to said request for said content the transmission of said content to said second information processing apparatus.

Claim 67 (Original): An information providing system including a first information providing apparatus, an information processing apparatus, and a second information providing apparatus,

said first information providing apparatus comprising:

first reception control means for controlling the reception, from said information processing apparatus, user identification data for identifying a user of said information processing apparatus and a request for purchasing a content;

first transmission control means for controlling in response to said request for purchasing said content the transmission of said request for purchasing said content to said second information providing apparatus;

second reception control means for controlling the reception, from said second information providing apparatus, device identification information for identifying said second information providing apparatus and usage conditions of said content;

storage control means for controlling the storing of said device identification information and said usage conditions in correspondence with said user identification data;
and

second transmission control means for controlling in response to a request from said information processing apparatus the transmission, to said information processing apparatus, said device identification information and said usage conditions stored in correspondence with said user identification data;

said information processing apparatus comprising:

third reception control means for controlling the reception of said device identification information and said usage conditions;

third transmission control means for controlling, when reproduction of said content is requested, the transmission of the request for said content to said second information

providing apparatus on the basis of said device identification information and said usage conditions; and

fourth reception control means for controlling the reception of said content from said second information providing apparatus; and

said second information providing apparatus comprising:

fifth reception control means for controlling the reception of said request for purchasing said content from said first information providing apparatus;

fourth transmission control means for controlling in response to said request for purchasing said content the transmission of said device identification information and said usage conditions to said first information providing apparatus;

sixth reception control means for controlling the reception of a request for said content from said information processing apparatus; and

fifth transmission control means for controlling in response to said request for said content the transmission of said content to said information processing apparatus.

Claim 68 (Currently Amended): An information providing apparatus comprising:

transmission control means for controlling the transmission of a content in response to a request from ~~an~~ a first information processing apparatus connected with a second information processing apparatus;

reception control means for controlling, when said content has been transmitted, the reception, sent from said second information processing apparatus, of information for identifying a transmission destination of said content said first information processing apparatus; and

storage control means for controlling the storing of said information of said first information processing apparatus ~~for identifying said transmission destination of said content~~

in correspondence with ~~data~~ identification for identifying said content transmitted to said first information processing apparatus.

Claim 69 (Original): The information providing apparatus according to claim 68, wherein said transmission control means controls the transmission of said content as checking out of said content and said reception control means controls the reception of said information for identifying a destination to which said content is checked out.

Claim 70 (Original): The information providing apparatus according to claim 68, wherein said transmission control means controls the transmission of said content to said information processing apparatus and said reception control means controls the reception of said information for identifying said transmission destination of said content indicative of said information processing apparatus.

Claim 71 (Original): The information providing apparatus according to claim 68, wherein said transmission control means controls the transmission of said content as checking out of said content and said reception control means controls the reception of said information for identifying said destination to which said content is checked out.

Claim 72 (Original): The information providing apparatus according to claim 68, wherein said transmission control means controls the transmission of said content to a storage medium detachably loaded in said information processing apparatus and said reception control means controls the reception of said information for identifying the transmission destination of said content, said information being indicative of said storage medium.

Claim 73 (Original): The information providing apparatus according to claim 72, wherein said transmission control means controls the transmission of said content as checking out of said content and said reception control means controls the reception of said information for identifying a check-out destination of said content, said information being indicative of said storage medium.

Claim 74 (Currently Amended): An information providing method comprising the steps of:

controlling the transmission of a content in response to a request from ~~an~~ a first information processing apparatus connected with a second information processing apparatus;

controlling, when said content has been transmitted, the reception, sent from said second information processing apparatus, of information for identifying a transmission destination of said content said first information processing apparatus; and

controlling the storing of said information of said first information processing apparatus ~~for identifying said transmission destination of said content~~ in correspondence with ~~data~~ identification for identifying said content transmitted to said first information processing apparatus.

Claim 75 (Currently Amended): A program storage medium storing a computer-readable program comprising ~~the steps of~~:

controlling the transmission of a content in response to a request from ~~an~~ a first information processing apparatus connected with a second information processing apparatus;

controlling, when said content has been transmitted, the reception, sent from said second information processing apparatus, of information for identifying a transmission destination of said content said first information processing apparatus; and

controlling the storing of said information of said first information processing apparatus for identifying said transmission destination of said content in correspondence with ~~data~~ identification for identifying said content transmitted to said first information processing apparatus.

Claim 76 (Currently Amended): A program for instructing a computer to execute the steps of:

controlling the transmission of a content in response to a request from ~~an~~ a first information processing apparatus connected with a second information processing apparatus;

controlling, when said content has been transmitted, the reception, sent from said second information processing apparatus, of information for identifying a transmission destination of said content said first information processing apparatus; and

controlling the storing of said information of said first information processing apparatus for identifying said transmission destination of said content in correspondence with ~~data~~ identification for identifying said content transmitted to said first information processing apparatus.

Claim 77 (Currently Amended): An information processing apparatus comprising:

first transmission control means for controlling the transmission of a request for a content to an information providing apparatus via second information processing apparatus connected with said information processing apparatus;

reception control means for controlling the reception of said content via said second information processing apparatus; and

second transmission control means for controlling, ~~when said content has been received~~, the transmission, to said information providing apparatus, of identification

~~information~~ for identifying said information processing apparatus when said content has received via said second information processing apparatus a transmission destination of said content.

Claim 78 (Original): The information processing apparatus according to claim 77, said second transmission control means the transmission of said information for identifying said transmission destination of said content, said information being indicative of said information processing apparatus.

Claim 79 (Original): The information processing apparatus according to claim 78, wherein said second transmission control means controls the transmission of said information for identifying said transmission destination of said content as a check-out destination of said content, said information being indicative of said information processing apparatus.

Claim 80 (Original): The information processing apparatus according to claim 77, wherein said second transmission control means controls the transmission of said information for identifying a transmission destination of said content, said information being indicative of a detachably loaded storage medium.

Claim 81 (Original): The information processing apparatus according to claim 80, wherein said second transmission control means controls the transmission of said information for identifying a transmission destination of said content as a check-out destination of said content, said information being indicative of said detachably loaded storage medium.

Claim 82 (Currently Amended): An information processing method comprising the steps of:

controlling the transmission of a request for a content to an information providing apparatus via second information processing apparatus connected with said information processing apparatus;

controlling the reception of said content via said second information processing apparatus; and

controlling, ~~when said content has been received~~, the transmission, to said information providing apparatus, of identification information for identifying said information processing apparatus when said content has received via said second information processing apparatus a transmission destination of said content.

Claim 83 (Currently Amended): A program storage medium storing a computer-readable program comprising the steps of:

controlling the transmission of a request for a content to an information providing apparatus via second information processing apparatus connected with said information processing apparatus;

controlling the reception of said content via said second information processing apparatus; and

controlling, ~~when said content has been received~~, the transmission, to said information providing apparatus, of identification information for identifying said information processing apparatus when said content has received via said second information processing apparatus a transmission destination of said content.

Claim 84 (Currently Amended): A program for instructing a computer to execute the steps of:

controlling the transmission of a request for a content to an information providing apparatus via second information processing apparatus connected with said information processing apparatus;

controlling the reception of said content via said second information processing apparatus; and

controlling, ~~when said content has been received,~~ the transmission, to said information providing apparatus, of identification information for identifying said information processing apparatus when said content has received via said second information processing apparatus a ~~transmission destination of said content.~~